Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—It is exclusively administrative instructions that were given.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—In the enforcement of statutory provisions, can there be any administrative instructions ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Administrative instructions in order to enforce the provisions of the Act.

Sales Tax Arrears due to Government.

Q.—208. Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR (T.-Narsipur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the total amount of sales-tax due to Government at the commencement of the year 1954-55 towards arrears ;

(*b*) the number of dealers from whom this amount is due ;

(*c*) the number of dealers from whom more than Rs. 10,000 is due, the total amount so due and from when ;

(*d*) the names of such dealers ?

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Industries).—

(*a*) Rs. 50,96,396 (including a sum of Rs. 5,92,753 pertaining to Bellary District received by transfer at the time of merger.)

(*b*) 10,960 cases.

(*c*) (i) 41.

(ii) Rs. 10,74,568.

(iii) From the year 1944-45 for Bellary District and 1948-49 of the State.

(*d*) Names of dealers cannot be furnished as such disclosure is contrary to the provisions of Section 24 of the Mysore Sales Tax Act.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—Is it not a fact that arrears of sales tax should be collected as if they were arrears of land revenue ?

*Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—It is provided in the law that arrears of sales tax should be collected as arrears of land revenue.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—Sir, in that case, were distraint orders issued in respect of these 41 defaulters who were due more than ten lakhs of rupees to the State ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Action has been taken as per the provisions of law and they are at various stages of recovery.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—May I know to what extent recoveries have been effected from these 41 people ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Against Rs. 50,96,396 that were due so far as it stood on 30-8-1955, Rs. 20,38,396 have been recovered. I may tell the Hon'ble Member that to the tune of Rs. 5 lakhs stay orders have been issued by Government.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether Section 24 as mentioned by the Government applies to answers to be furnishsd by Government ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—*Prima facie* it is presumed that it comes within the purview of Section 24. Anyway it admits of further examination.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—Will the Government be pleased to state at least the names of such of those who are due such a huge amount of sales tax to the Government for the last 7 to 8 years ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Answers have already been given. As I told the Hon'ble Member just now, it admits of further examination and after further examination, if it is found necessary, I have no objection to state them before the House.

Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY.—Is it a fact that due to political considerations, effective steps have not been taken for the recovery of sales-tax amount from those people ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—In the recovery of dues due to Government no political views are taken into consideration.

Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY.—How is it that big people who owe thousands of rupees have not been made to pay those amounts for such a long time ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—If the Hon'ble Members bring specific instances to the notice of Government, they will take suitable action.

Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY.—Is it a fact that from big people in Mysore owing large sums of money to the extent of more than thirty thousand rupees, sales-tax has not been collected ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—By big people do you mean stout people ? (*Laughter*).

Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY.—Big people in your party.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—The question of the Hon'ble Member is not clear.

Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY.—Will you kindly examine the cases of all those people who are in arrears and try to collect them ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Government will give an assurance that all possible course to collect dues will be taken under the law against defaulters.

Sri R. K. PRASAD.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that the Government is not paying sales-tax regularly to the dealers whenever they purchase ?

Sri H M. CHANNABASAPPA.—It has not come to my notice.

Sri R. K. PRASAD.—Has it come to the notice of Government that Bills are pending from the last one year with regard to the sales-tax arrears, including sales-tax ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—So far as I know, it has not come to my notice. If the Hon'ble Member brings to my notice such instances I will look into it.

Sales-tax on trees in Bhadravati forest division.

Q.—297. **Sri T. C. BASAPPA** (Tarikere).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it has come to their notice that sales-tax is being levied on trees in Bhadravati Forest Divison from 1st April 1955 ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that merchants have petitioned to the Forest Officer complaining that such levy is against law ;

(*c*) whether it has not come to their notice that in spite of it the departmental people are collecting the said tax by compulsion ;

(*d*) whether they would pass an order directing the immediate refund of all the money so collected by way of sales-tax ?

A.—**Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA** (Minister for Industries).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) On receipt of complaint the Commissioner of Sales Tax has requested the Chief Conservator of Forests not to collect tax on the sale of timber or trees.

(*d*) The Commissioner of Sales Tax will be instructed to see that refund is made wherever it is due.

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಸಿ. ಬಸಪ್ಪ.—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇರಾಖೆಯವರಿಗೆ ಕಾನೂನು ಭಾಗ ಗೊತ್ತಿರಲಿಲ್ಲವೆ ?

*ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಎಂ. ಚನ್ನಬಸಪ್ಪ.—ಕಾನೂನು ಭಾಗವನ್ನು interpret ಮಾಡುವವರು ಸರ್ಕಾರವಲ್ಲ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಸಿ. ಬಸಪ್ಪ.—ಸೇಲ್ಸ್‌ಟ್ಯಾಕ್ಸ್ ವಸೂಲು ಮಾಡಬಾರದೆಂದು ಕಾನೂನಲ್ಲಿದ್ದರೂ ಏಕೆ ವಸೂಲು ಮಾಡಿದರು ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಎಂ. ಚನ್ನಬಸಪ್ಪ.—ಅರ್ಥವನ್ನು ವಿವರಣೆಮಾಡುವುದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಕರ್ತವ್ಯವಲ್ಲ, ಕೋರ್ಟಿನವರ ಕರ್ತವ್ಯ.

Sales Tax—Difficulties experienced by merchants.

Q.—515. **Sri R. K. PRASAD** (Bangarpet).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether Sri Channabasappa, Minister for Industries and Sales-tax, convened any meeting in the month of July inviting the trade for expressing their difficulties on account of new Mysore Sales-tax levy ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Minister assured the trade that he would reply to their grievances very soon ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that hardware merchants represented that hardware is classified as metalware by the Sales-tax Commissioner ;

(*d*) whether the Minister agreed to give his decision over this matter also at a very early date;

(*e*) whether the Government included hardware under metalware or iron and steel at the time of passing the legislation of this new sales-tax levy ?

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Industries).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes. An assurance was given that their representation would be considered as sympathetically as possible at a very early date.

(*c*) Yes

(*d*) The Commissioner of Sales Tax has been suitably instructed.

(*e*) This is a matter of interpretation of a statute which is a function of the judiciary.

Sri R. K. PRASAD.—Can the Hon'ble Minister take the House into confidence and tell us what suitable instructions have been issued to the Sales-Tax Commissioner ?

*Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Administrative instructions have been issued to the Sales-tax Commissioner. These are not meant to be disclosed on the floor of the House.

Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY.—What is the difficulty that the Government felt so as to classify hardware as metalware ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—It is not open to Government to include anything and everything provided in the Statute. It is for the Court to interpret the meaning of words whenever incorporated in the law.

Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY.—When a representation has been made that it works hard on these people, is it not desirable that Government should classify it as hardware ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Government has done what it should do. If any member is aggrieved, there is the course open to him to seek redress.

Projects in Belur Taluk.

Q.—16. Sri B. N. BORANNA GOWDA (Belur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that projects have been prepared regarding the Vadigere of Sanenahalli village, Halebid Hobli, Belur Taluk;

(*b*) when they are going to take up these major projects and complete it ?

A.—Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) As soon as the projects are sanctioned.

Sri B. N. BORANNA GOWDA.—Is the Government aware that the project was also surveyed when Gangur tank was constructed about 15 years back.

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—No.

Sri B. N. BORANNA GOWDA.—May I know what will be the achkat under this tank ?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—I have not the information, Sir.

Sri B. N. BORANNA GOWDA.—Will the Government promise to get this project completed ?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—Orders have been issued to prepare the project.

Gayanahalli Tank.

Q.—155. Sri S. H. THAMMIAH *alias* HANUMANTHEGOWDARA THAMMIAH (Krishnarajanagar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the villagers round about Gayanahalli tank have represented to them that instead of the water being allowed to flow into the Cauvery river at the end of 24th mile of Ramanathapura channel, water should be made to flow into the Gayanahalli tank which is nearby;

(*b*) the number of acres of land that would come under wet cultivation if water is supplied to Gayanahalli tank;

(*c*) the reason for not having made this arrangement ?

A.—Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works).—

(*a*) No.
(*b*) To be investigated.
(*c*) Does not arise in view of reply to (*b*).

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಎಚ್. ತಮ್ಮಯ್ಯ.—ಇದನ್ನು ಯಾವಾಗ ತನಿಖೆ ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಯೋಚನೆ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೀರಿ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಡಿದಾಳ್ ಮಂಜಪ್ಪ.—ಇದಕ್ಕೆ preliminary investigation ಆಗಿದೆ. ಆದರೆ ಇನ್ನೂ ಪೂರ್ತಿಯಾಗಿಲ್ಲ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಎಚ್. ತಮ್ಮಯ್ಯ.—ಅನುಕೂಲವಾಗುವುದಾದರೆ ಜಾಗ್ರತೆ ಈ ಕೆಲಸವನ್ನು ಮಾಡಿಕೊಡುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಡಿದಾಳ್ ಮಂಜಪ್ಪ.—ನಿರ್ಧಾರವಾಗಿ ಅನುಕೂಲವಾಗುತ್ತದೆಂದು ಕಂಡುಬಂದಿಲ್ಲ. ಆ ಕೆರೆಯು ಕೆಳಗೆ ಅಚ್ಚುಕಟ್ಟಿಲ್ಲ. ಅಲ್ಲದೆ ಮೇಲ್ಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿರುವ ನಾಲಾ ರೈತರಿಗೆ ತೊಂದರೆಯಾಗುವ ಸಂಭವವಿದೆ. ಅಂತೂ ಪೂರ್ತಿಯಾಗಿ ತನಿಖೆಯಾದಮೇಲೆ ನಿರ್ದಿಷ್ಟವಾಗಿ ಜವಾಬು ಹೇಳುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ.

Construction of Wells in Belur Taluk.

Q.—17. Sri B. N. BORANNA GOWDA (Belur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the total amount of grant spent for the construction of wells in Belur Taluk of Malnad District for the last four years ;
(*b*) the number of wells completed ;
(*c*) the number of wells not yet been completed for want of money ;
(*d*) the amount needed for the completion of the wells for which estimates have been prepared and sanctioned ?

A.—Sri T. CHANNIAH (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government).—

(*a*) Rs. 60,519
(*b*) 30
(*c*) 108
(*d*) Rs. 81,500.

Sri B. N. BORANNA GOWDA.—Are the Government aware of the scarcity of drinking water in malnad parts ?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—There is scarcity for drinking water in malnad parts to some extent.

Sri B. N. BORANNA GOWDA.—In view of this are Government going to sanction adequate funds in the next year's Budget ?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—Yes.

Drinking water supply ot Chikballapur Town.

Q.—172. Sri A. MUNIYAPPA (Chikballapur-Sidlaghatta — Scheduled Castes).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether any estimate has been newly prepared for drinking water supply to Chikballapur town ;
(*b*) if so, the details of the estimate ?

A.—Sri T. CHANNIAH (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government).—

(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) A water supply scheme from North Pinakini river as source has been prepared at an estimated cost of Rs. 8,26,000. The scheme consists of two stages. First stage amounting to Rs. 6,81,000 and the second stage amounting to Rs. 1,45,000.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ಮುನಿಯಪ್ಪ.—ಈ ಅಂದಾಜನ್ನು ಮಂಜೂರುಮಾಡುವ ವಿಷಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯವೇನು ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಚನ್ನಯ್ಯ.—8,26,000 ರೂಪಾಯಿನ ಅಂದಾಜು ಸ್ಯಾನಿಟೆರಿ ಸರ್ಕಲ್ ಸೂಪರಿಂಟೆಂಡಿಂಗ್ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ ಆಫೀಸಿಗೆ ಬಂದಿದೆ ; ಅಲ್ಲಿ scrutiny ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ ; ಇನ್ನೂ ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಕಳುಹಿಸಿಕೊಟ್ಟಿಲ್ಲ. ಅದು ಬಂದನಂತರ ಸೂಕ್ತ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇವೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ಮುನಿಯಪ್ಪ.—ಇನ್ನೆಷ್ಟು ಕಾಲ ಹಿಡಿಯುತ್ತದೆ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಚನ್ನಯ್ಯ.—ಅವರು ಕಳುಹಿಸಿದಕೂಡಲೆ, ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಏನು ಅಗತ್ಯವೋ ಅಂಥ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಾರೆ.

Protected Water Supply to Bheemasamudra Village.

Q.—314. Sri G. SIVAPPA (Holalkere).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the people of Bheemasamudra and Bommenahalli villages are pressing the Government to extend